



World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2025 Application Form

WMBD Small Grant 2025 for East Asian–Australasian Flyway

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About World Migratory Bird Day 2025

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. It has a global outreach and is an effective tool to help raise global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. In 2018, WMBD unified the planet's major migratory bird corridors, or flyways: the African–Eurasian flyway, the East Asian–Australasian flyway, and the Americas flyways. **WMBD is now celebrated twice a year, on the Second Saturday in May and in October. In 2025, WMBD will be held on 10 May and 11 October. This year, the theme is “Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities”.** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2025 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2025 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#), [Task Forces](#), [Working Groups](#), and NGOs who plan to organize **public events and/or conservation action-oriented workshops** at national or local levels through participating in World Migratory Bird Day. We strongly encourage EAAFP Partners and collaborators to make an application for any suitable event or development of WMBD materials in the local language that aims to raise awareness of the need for conserving migratory waterbirds and the value of their habitats in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2025 need to be **based in EAAFP Partner countries**. In addition, EAAFP Partner countries included in the DAC list of ODA Recipients are our priority to support (If you are not sure, please see the [list of EAAFP Partners](#), and [DAC list of ODA Recipients](#)). If you are not the country focal point of EAAFP, please consult and plan with the EAAFP focal point of your country before you apply.

Please note that this grant is to initiate a WMBD event. You can co-fund the event with other sources, but please indicate this in the budget session. Applications with similar content (location, target participants, etc.) to previous years may not be accepted. We also encourage proposals to promote Flyway Network Sites for the WMBD activities.

Information of the application

Firstly, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set for funding assistance under the EAAFP WMBD 2025 Small Grants Programme.

For your budget planning, please note a maximum of 1,000 USD will be allocated to each country. We recommend you submit your application as early as possible.

The deadline for application is **7th April 2025**. Please submit your application to the Communications Officer via email (Word or PDF document) to secretariat@eaaflyway.net and communication@eaaflyway.net .

After the Secretariat receives your application, the approval of successful proposals is made by the Secretariat. Applicants will hear the result within two weeks after the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants have the responsibility to help translate the World Migratory Bird Day materials into their own languages. These translations will be shared on the World Migratory Bird Day website (<https://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>).

Date of Application: 1st April, 2025**1. Applicant Contact Information**

	Name of applicant:	Nang Phyu Phwe
a.	Name of the organisation:	Nature Conservation Society- Myanmar (NCS)
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organisation	Program Officer
c.	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	NGO
d.	Email:	[REDACTED]
e.	Postal address:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
f.	Office phone numbers:	[REDACTED]
g.	Applicant's mobile number:	[REDACTED]
h.	Website of organisation:	www.ncsimm.org
i.	Additional contact person	Pyae Phyo Aung Executive Director Email — [REDACTED]

 Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.
1.1 Supporter Information

	Name of supporter:	
a.	Name of the organisation:	
b.	Supporter's position and division in the organisation	
c.	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Supporter's mobile number:	
h.	Website of organisation:	
i.	Additional contact person	

 Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.
2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (Please check the relevant categories of your proposed event)

Public awareness activity — local and/or national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Birdwatching — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring/survey — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational activity/lecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie/video	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others – specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes

Title of event:	Harmonizing Human and Bird Synchronicity by Strengthening Community Engagement for Migratory Bird Conservation at Western Coast of the Gulf of Mottama
Date of event:	10 May, 2025 (Tentative)
Organisers:	Nature Conservation Society – Myanmar
Target participants:	Indigenous youths, students and local people
Expected number of participants:	Fifty youth, students, and local community members from two villages

Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):

Myanmar, known for its rich biodiversity, is part of the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot and has been a member of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF) since 2014. The country has six designated EAAF Network Sites, including Moeyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary, Gulf of Mottama, Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary, Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary, Nanthar Island, and Mayyu estuaries, covering a total of 1,329,297 hectares (source: EAAFP SIS). These sites provide critical habitats for both resident and migratory waterbirds.

The Gulf of Mottama supports up to 150,000 migratory waterbirds during the non-breeding season, including 12 globally threatened species. It is particularly significant for the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper, hosting approximately 60% of its global population. In addition to its ecological importance, the area supports thousands of livelihoods through fisheries. A survey conducted in March 2025 along the western coast of the Gulf, covering Kyauktan townships in the Yangon Region that not designate as Ramsar Site yet where recorded an estimated 2,532 waders, 161 gulls and terns, 30 other wetland-dependent species, 115 raptors, and 127 individuals representing seven terrestrial bird species. Key observations included 2 Endangered Great Knot, 100 Vulnerable Broad-billed Sandpipers, respectively. However, ongoing bird hunting in urban and peri-urban areas near Thanlyin and Kyauktan Township continues to threaten these populations (NCS-Myanmar National Survey Report, 2024). The use of mist nets has led to a significant decline in shorebirds, and a lack of awareness exacerbates the issue. Without conservation efforts, population losses could exceed 25% within one generation.

Additionally, near Thante village in Kyauktan Township, the Ancient Light Pillar and Kyaut Tine Beach, both popular local attractions, also serve as important habitats for waterbirds, highlighting the close connection between human activities and wildlife conservation. To address these threats, NCS-Myanmar will organize a WMBD 2025 event focusing on raising awareness about the importance of migratory shorebirds and their habitats. This initiative aligns with the theme, “Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities,” emphasizing the need for harmonious coexistence between people and birds in urban and peri-urban areas. The event will take place in Htan Chauk Pin and Thante villages near Kyauktan Township in May 2025.

Activities will include educational awareness sessions with presentations on migratory birds, their flyways, and the threats they face, conservation-friendly practices emphasizing legal protection measures and sustainable solutions, video presentations to visually engage participants, interactive sessions that encourage discussions on balancing human livelihoods with bird conservation, and a Q&A session to promote participation among young people, followed by small gifts and prizes for active participants. Expected outcomes of this event include increased awareness and appreciation of migratory bird conservation, a reduction in hunting activities through improved local knowledge, strengthened collaboration with local stakeholders and authorities, greater youth involvement in conservation initiatives, and enhanced understanding of the ecological significance of bird habitats near human settlements, such as Light Pillar and beach areas. By promoting bird-friendly communities and encouraging sustainable practices, this event will play a crucial role in conservation migratory shorebirds in Myanmar for future generations.

3. Proposed Event Budget Plan

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: 1000 USD

Please note that ideal budget scale is approximately 1,000 USD to each country

Budget breakdown:

Printing of UV-protected Migratory Bird Day Poster Vinyl (2025 theme)	30 USD
Venue preparation and electric generator hiring	150 USD
Refreshments for the participants (WMBD events – 2 events)	300 USD
Small gifts and prizes to participants	270 USD
Travel expense (NCS Staff)	250 USD
Others – specify	
Please indicate contributions fee from other sources for this event	

4. Can you support translating the WMBD materials into your language?

Yes No

With the support from EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund, you need to:

- Register your event(s) at the following websites as well for regional and global statistics of WMBD participation. It won't take you long to fill in the form as it is a simple process. Registration of your event(s) at Global WMBD website (<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/register-your-event>)
- **Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.**

- **Reporting:** After any of your WMBD materials are published and your awareness event is held, it is required to provide an event report (see ANNEX I). The Report should include copies of any materials produced under the project. Published materials should be submitted with the report in both hard and electronic copy with suitable photographs illustrating the activities undertaken.

Important notes:

Report deadline:	No later than 24 May 2025 or within two weeks after the event(s).
Required information:	Name of organiser(s), target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents
Submit to:	EAAFP Secretariat via email (Word or PDF document) at secretariat@eaaflyway.net and communication@eaaflyway.net

ANNEX 1

Standard Format for the World Migratory Bird Day

Final Report Template

Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information — Provide your contact information for this report.

Full name:	
Name of the organisation:	
Name(s) of the division and/or position:	
Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other:	
Email:	
Postal address:	
Office phone numbers:	
(Your) Cell number (optional):	
Fax (optional):	
Website (optional):	
Additional contact person (optional):	
Date of submission:	

Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.

1.2 Event Title

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1.3 Event Location — Where did your event take place?

Name of country:	
Name of city:	
Name of event place/venue:	

1.4 Event Type — Check the relevant categories below.

Public awareness activity — local and/or national:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field trip (e.g. Birdwatching):	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring/survey:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational activity/lecture:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Festival:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media event (e.g., press release):	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie/video:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others — specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.5 Event Organiser — Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

1.6 Target Audience — Who were the participants for your event (**Compulsory**)?

Target Audience Types	Number Participated
School students, teachers or parents	
University students	
Researchers, scientist	
Birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others — specify	
Total number of participants	

1.7 Outcome — What is the outcome from your event?

1.8 Any additional comments? (Optional)

Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper in details here. If your event was recorded or held online, please share the links.

Section 3. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT (Compulsory)

Provide a short article about your WMBD event or activity you arranged to celebrate WMBD. The following information (venue, organiser, number and type of participants, outcome) should be included in your article. (Minimum 400 words)

Section 4. EXPENDITURE REPORT (Compulsory)

Expense items	USD
e.g. venue	
e.g. transportation	
e.g. birdwatching guide (amount x no. of guides)	
Others — specify	
Funding from other sources	
Total	

*Please keep the receipt in case auditing is needed.

Section 5. PHOTO, VIDEO & MATERIALS (Compulsory):

Name of Photo/Video	e.g. photo 1 or video 1
Photo/Video	Please insert a photo here
Credit Info	Please provide credit information for this photo/video
Link	Please provide a link of this photo/video (e.g. FB posting or Flickr link)

Note:

- Email us the electronic file (JPEG or PDF) of your language version of the WMBD poster for publication on the EAAFP website.
- Post the printed poster to the EAAFP Secretariat if you can and have one available.
- Take plenty of photos of events or activities featuring the WMBD poster and send us these photos in .jpg or .png format; and videos if you have any.
- The logos of WMBD and EAAFP must be displayed on all your printed and digital promotional materials.